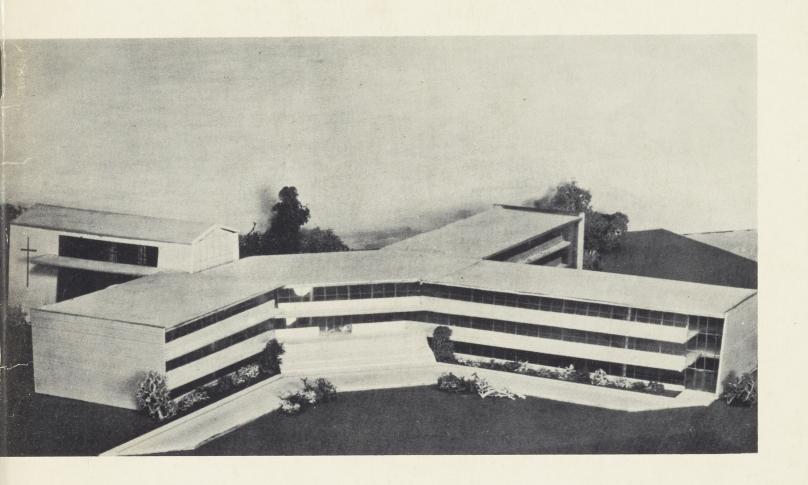


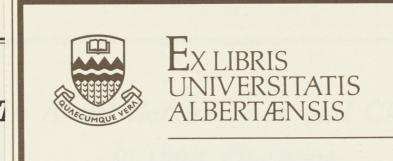
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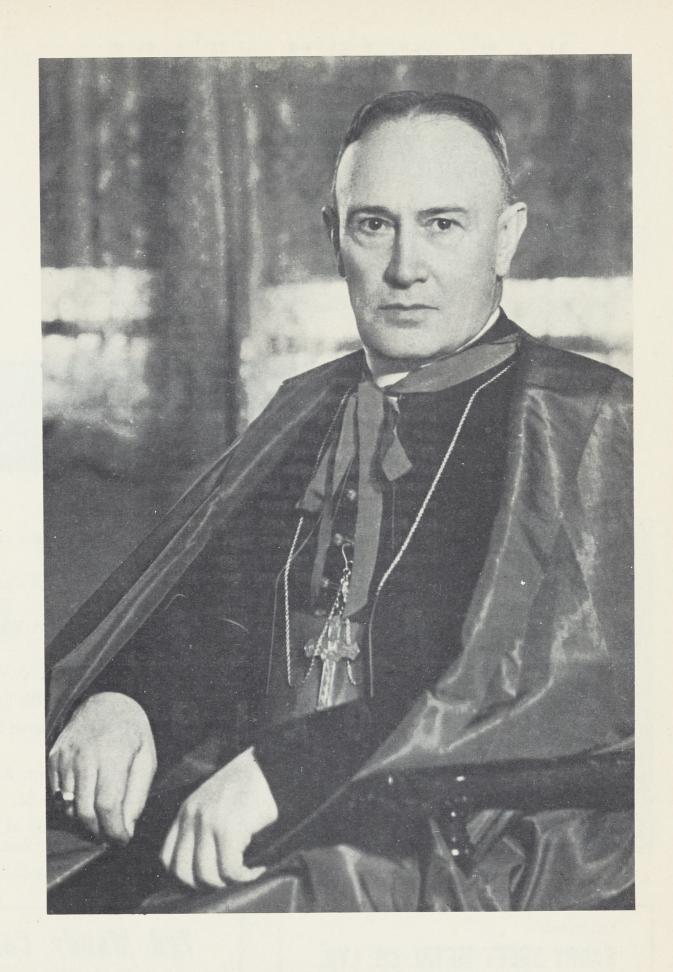
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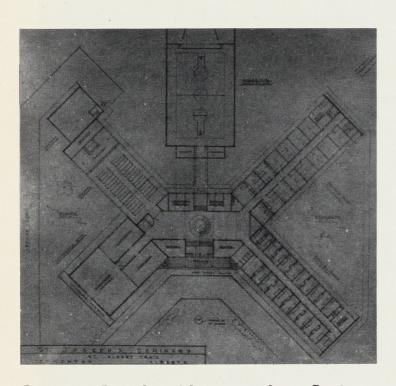
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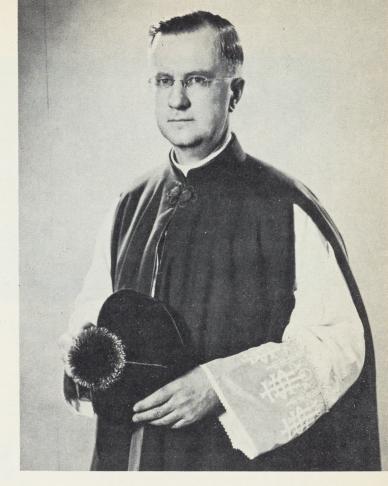
During the gold rush era, eager young prospectors arrived in Edmonton by the hundreds on their long trek to the Klondike. At the very peak of the bonanza craze, Edmonton had already been abandoned as a fur trading post and her future hopes hinged on the adventurous spirit of the times. There was nothing in that remote clump of buildings surrounded by wilderness in 1897 that promised anything to the settler but hard work. Certainly any immediate hope for great wealth to be had was out of the question. Strange as it may seem however many of those hardy adventurers abandoned the search for gold in favor of the rugged challenge offered by that virgin territory. The others of course carried on in their journey and many of them uncovered a fortune at Bonanza Creek. Today after some fifty odd years have elapsed those who still survive of that courageous company can look back with pride on a great many accomplishments. But for those who remained to pioneer the sprawling community of Edmonton there is an even greater satisfaction in knowing that largely through their efforts and the efforts of others like them, this great Canadian West was opened up for future generations.

We would compare that gold rush to the many different paths which life lays open to the feet of Catholic young men graduating from high school today. Every youth sets out in the world with a strong desire to accomplish something big. All too often his clear vision is distorted by bright reflections on distant horizons while the challenge he is seeking lies unnoticed beneath his feet.

The dense brush of indifference to religion in the lives of our people in Western Canada calls out to young pioneers with high ideals and a manly desire to accomplish something big for God and their neighbor. Other careers, more glamorous in the eyes of the world may appear to offer greater opportunities to the youth of today. None of them can equal the challenge of Christ to follow Him and to build up in this growing country the spiritual homestead of the true faith. He invites many young men to abandon their search for temporal wealth and security in favor of dedicating their lives to clearing the timber of ignorance and prejudice and to building up the fences of courage and conviction in the truths of our holy faith. Unfortunately the spirit of adventure seems to have been buried in prosperity and the call for the most part has gone unanswered.

This is one field of endeavor that can never become overcrowded. The chances of a priest ever finding himself out of work are so slim that any other profession is a risk when compared with it. It does require a little courage however to leave home and family and to give oneself for the service of God and the salvation of souls. The reward for such a sacrifice is not measured in terms of dollars and cents but life everlasting for himself and the souls with whom he works.

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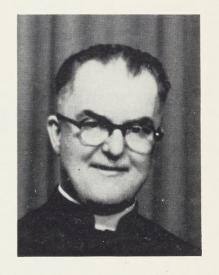




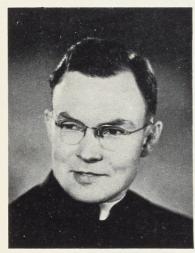
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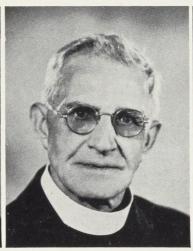
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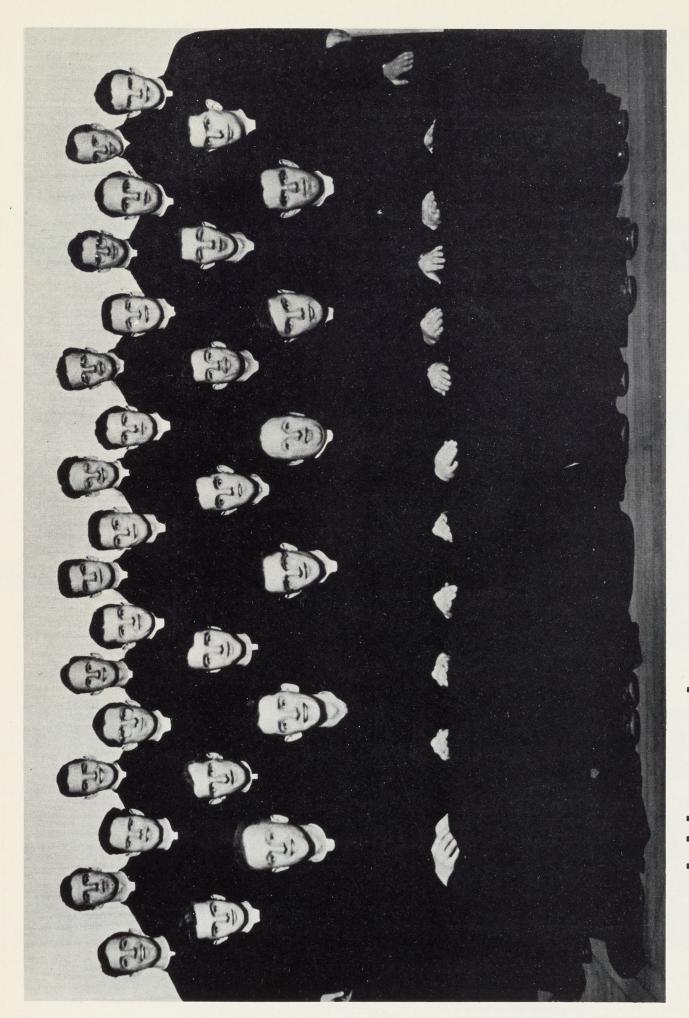
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Hi Jim

It's just about time I wrote a few lines eh? I was going to use the old excuse that "I just couldn't seem to find time," but, though I've been kept "hopping," I can't really say I've been busy!

Now that you're out of high school, I'll bet you'll soon realize how soft it was! I don't think we appreciate the "old place" fully till we leave it. When I think of all the study time I used to waste, I could sure kick myself!

You've probably wondered at times how I was getting along in my first year in the Seminary. To put it briefly, it's wonderful! As each day flies by, I realize a bit more how lucky I am, and with God's continued grace, I shall one day be a priest.

I'm sure one of the big questions in your life about now is "What next?"

Are you still as interested in electricity as you always were? Now that I mentioned the subject Jim, it reminds me of the other day when about five of us "amateur electricians" were rigging up the lights for our hockey rink. I don't know yet what we did wrong, but we blew five fuses and about six lamps!

I always was slow in making my mind up about anything, wasn't I? Remember the hard time I had deciding to at least give the Seminary a try? I believe now Jim, that one of the chief reasons for my hesitancy was my total ignorance of what a "Sem" is. We do not sleep on boards! We are not chained to our desks! We do not walk around all day with long faces, afraid to smile! Really Jim, in many ways a "Sem" is just like a good Catholic College. We have all the common sports, and among the many and varied events that brighten the routine, movies and visiting speakers. Worth special mention though are the plays and skits we put on with all the lights, costumes and scenery of Hollywood!

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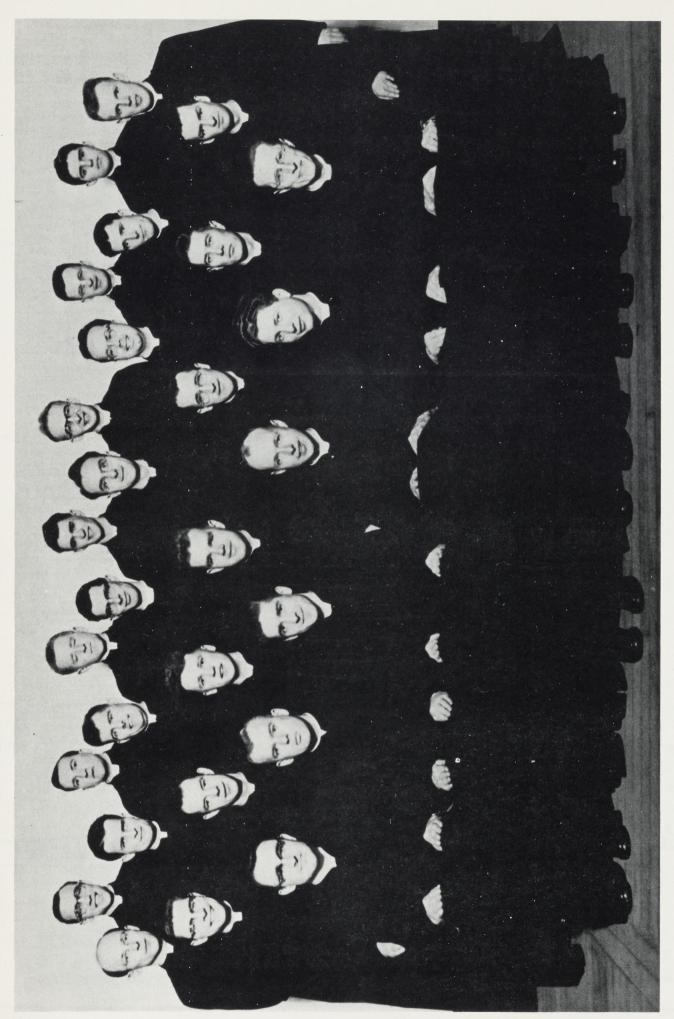
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us Jim, I thought the Sisters were trying to impress us the first few days by the wonderful meals. I was right, except that they've been just as wonderful three times a day ever since!

I'm sure you realize Jim that study is an important part of our life (something new for me too!) It's hard at first—your mind wanders everywhere, home, out fishing or just "with the gang." Believe it or not though, I think I can honestly say I've developed a love for study!

Boy have we got a variety of characters in here! Most are just fresh out of high school, but we also have teachers, farmers, tradesmen galore, and half a regiment of the ex-army, navy and airforce. It's surprising, we all have the same end in view, and "there's never a dull moment!"

There's the bell for night prayers, Jim, so I'll close for now. Remember me in your prayers. Leo Klug

Lacordaire on the Priesthood

To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; to be a member of each family, yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds; to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; to return from God to man to bring pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for Charity and a heart of bronze for Chastity; to teach and pardon, console and bless always.

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By Donald J. Boyle

The first rays of the morning sun spread themselves generously over the Galilean lakeside. As the shadows begin to fade into the brilliance of a cool new dawn, vigorous activity is revealed around the tiny fishing vessels moored in their battered docks. Some other rustic boats are drawing into shore after an all night siege with the turbulent waters. The busy crews, some rigging their crafts and others dismantling are almost oblivious to the warm sun that has now completely dispelled the darkness of night. Some of the weary men who have been stripping their ancient schooners are finished now and they begin to move off in different directions, some to their homes to sleep away the early part of the day, others to the market place to get the early morning price for their catch. All of them are too pre-occupied for the moment to notice the man walking slowly up the sandy beach followed by a crowd of people in the distance.

As he makes his way carefully amidst the tangled nets, and the coils of wet rope, and the splintered oars stretched out on the sand to dry, his gentle eyes glance lovingly over these hardy fishermen. As he passes among them their attention is arrested by this stranger. It is not just the crowd following and who have now overtaken him that has caused this wonder but something about the man himself. He stops at one of the docks where two men, Simon and Andrew, are washing their nets. He steps into Simon's boat and asks him to row it just off the shore. Standing in the boat he begins to address the crowd and some fishermen who in spite of their exhaustion have lingered behind to hear this man. His words are gentle and full of hope as he tells of the Kingdom of God. When he has finished speaking he says to Simon:

"Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon is incredulous for a moment and he stammers out in his surprise:

"Master the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at Thy word I will lower the net." And when Simon and Andrew lower their net into the water it is filled with a great number of fish but their net is ready to break and they call to James and John in the next boat to help them. They fill both vessels with the tremendous catch.

When Simon sees what is happening he falls down on his knees before this man saying,

"Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

And Jesus, for it is truly the Chist, says to Simon: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

As soon as they reach the shore they abandon their boats and everything they own to follow Jesus.

Many young men today cannot hear the call of Christ because they have encased themselves in a shell of false humility. They claim that they are not holy enough to be priests. If Christ had wanted men who were already saints do you think he would have been looking for them in fishing vessels? There was nothing about Simon and Andrew that suggested any great amount of sanctity when they were first called by Jesus. They were ordinary men but they possessed two qualities which are still required today, faith in God and a reasonable detachment from the things of this world. They left all to follow Christ. How different from that other young man who turned away when asked to sell everything he had in order to follow Christ. Will you also turn away?

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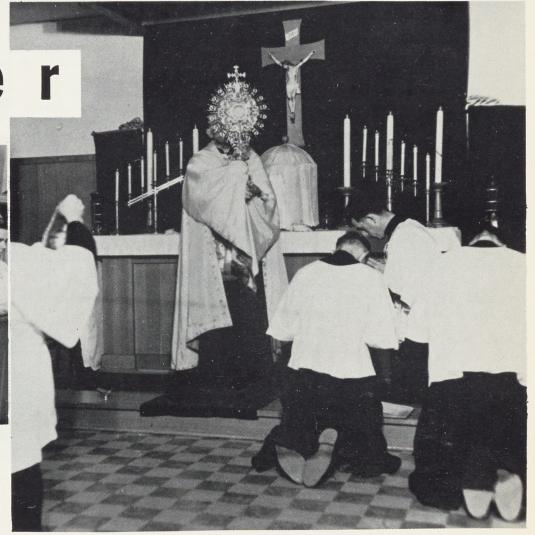
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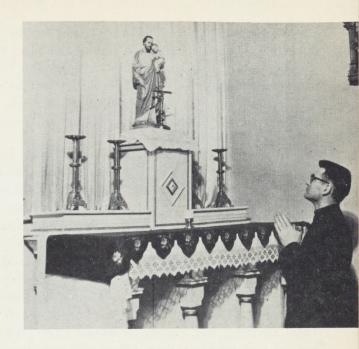
He who sings well prays twice Remain in secret and rejoice in your God; for you have Him Whom the whole world cannot take away from you.



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"Only the Brave..."

By JAMES C. KELLY



The world makes much of its heroes. Medals, degrees and cadillacs are often awarded to those whom we consider should be rewarded for their noble deeds. The word "hero" brings to our mind the man who, for example, has laid down his life for his country and we are reminded of the words: "If any man lay down his life for his friend" In the light of this, if I were to propose St. Joseph as a great hero, you might say, "He was a holy man, certainly, but a hero? Never!"

Before agreeing to this let us carefully consider St. Joseph's life. To begin with he is betrothed to Mary, a girl of about sixteen, whom God has planned to keep obscure and hidden. St. Joseph at this time was surely no more than twenty-five or thirty years of age and we cannot help but think that he was a man of rare promise and great talent. God always gives to men the gifts

necessary to carry out the work he has in store for them, and, as St. Joseph had been selected by God to be the foster-father of His Only Son, the talents given him for such an exalted office must have been exceptional. No doubt he had made plans for the future as any young man might do and what happens? An angel tells him that Mary is to be the Mother of Christ and that he is to be His foster-father! The plans he has made for himself are completely forgotten. His only thought is to carry out the will of God. We cannot help but think of the words quoted above: "If any man lay down his life for his friend" What hero of the world has laid down his life more completely that St. Joseph? Who has more right to the title of hero than St. Joseph?

No, the world did not honor St. Joseph as it does its heroes. St. Joseph was not interested in worldly glory.

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Plant 109th Avenue and 142nd Street Edmonton He was interested in God and consented to a life of poverty and work in order to serve Him Who was to be the Saviour of mankind. A hero is one who believes so firmly in the value of what he is doing that he is willing to lay down his life for its cause. St. Joseph, great in faith, ranks far above the heroes of this world.

St. Joseph was more than a heroic man. He was an obedient man. Very little is written about him in sacred scripture yet each time that he is mentioned a difficult assignment is given to him. As he begins his life with Mary he is troubled with suspicions but in obedience to the angel's command he takes Mary as his wife. Shortly after he is again commanded to take the Child and His Mother and go into Egypt, the land of their ancient enemies. Without a question St. Joseph abandons his business and friends and obeys the command. Had he been anything but a hero he would have given up long before and perhaps even taken the easy way out and abandoned the Child and His Mother. Instead, he does not hesitate but takes the situation in hand and acts. Can we not help being impressed by his instant response

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and courage? Again, when the angel tells him to return to Nazareth, he does so without protest. After the difficulties he experiences during the three days that the Child Jesus is lost he returns to Nazareth and accepts his role of complete unimportance insofar as the world is concerned.

But obedience is only one of the virtues which St. Joseph practised. Sacred scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man." When the word "just" is used in the bible it has a special meaning of perfection in the practice of the virtues. Justice, chastity, prudence, fortitude, obedience and fidelity were practised by St. Joseph to a heroic degree.

Here then is the man that we venerate as the patron saint of our diocese and of our seminary. The man who, as head of the Holy Family, guarded and defended the Child and His Mother. By his labor he provided for them food and clothing and the other necessities of life. He was their faithful companion, helper and consoler whose love and devotion for them knew no limits. God called St. Joseph to be the foster-father of His Divine Son and St. Joseph answered this call by dedicating his life to the service of God. Today God calls other young men to be the ministers and laborers of His Divine Son. Some, renouncing the things of this world, answer this call and devote themselves to the work of saving souls. Others unfortunately take the easy way out and, ignoring God's call, commit themselves to worldly pursuits. The example that St. Joseph has so courageously set should be an inspiration to young men today whom God calls to be the laborers in His vineyard.

When we begin to realize what true heroism really is, we see that St. Joseph has proven himself well and has more than merited the homage of all men as one of God's greatest saints.

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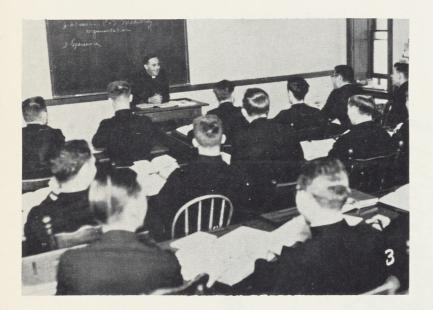
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from dawn 'til dusk

By GERALD GILLIS

On land, sea and even in the air, here, there and everywhere all over this globe of ours, when those rays of the early morning sun begin slanting their way into the gloom that overhangs horizons, men of all walks of life rise from their beds to begin their work again in the new day which opens out before them. It is one of those changeless rules of life; and we seminarians are no exception to it.

At 5:30 we hit the deck thanking God (though often somewhat sleepily) for having brought us safely through the past night: for having given us this new day in which to honor Him. One in which the wise arrangement of Prayer, Study and Recreation will again be the daily happy round of our seminary life. There is no picking and choosing among these three. Since each of them is important, we strive to do them all as well as we are able. For it is in doing all things well that our future priestly character is developed, daily, into greater conformity with 'Justice and Holiness of Truth.'

In the Old Testament we see that it was always the first fruits that the Jews set apart for God. And in the Seminary, with regard to 'time' it is much the same. Although our whole day is of course for God, these first hours of Meditation and Holy Mass are times of special

prayer and adoration to Him. They start our day out just right. From these fountains of grace our hearts and minds receive the necessary strength and determination to give this coming day the best that we can put forth. To push on generously to greater efforts in daily prayer, study and the practice of virtue—to persevere steadfastly in our good resolutions. Through the course of the day, usually during the changes between classes, we are always dropping into the Chapel, to say a short prayer to Our Lord really present in the Tabernacle. A 'quick visit' as it is fondly referred to. Through these private and public devotions, we gradually develop an even keener taste for prayer than we ever had before, and of the important place that it is to hold in our life.

To work efficiently as a priest one must know many things. For the office of the priest is to teach the people and to distribute the gifts of God to man. 'To know God is to love God'—and so at 8:30 our day of classes begins to accomplish just this—learning all about the Blessed Trinity, Christ, the Blessed Virgin, the Angels, the Sacraments and other important departments of knowledge, which we will be needing later on in our work with the people. Before entering the Seminary we had never quite realized how much wonderful knowledge of our holy Faith was just waiting to be known. Its interest and

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vastness are amazing. How fine and compact, but still, how limited was the little Catechism we had in school. Through these studies our mind is disciplined and taught how to think along correct lines. Our Faith in God's revelation receives new life, new vigor, and so is strengthened more than ever before. With this thorough process of learning, there comes a deeper, more personal love of the Master Whose words to the Apostles, His first 'seminarians', apply also to us. "No longer do I call you servants . . . But I have called you friends."

But all work and no play makes Jack a dull Seminarian. True, the seminary is not a place where we come to have a good time. But still there is some three and a half hours of recreation spread evenly throughout our regular class day. In addition to these, the sports, hikes and walks, the drama and social evenings and the good friends we make here, all go together in making the seminary one of the happiest periods in our life. Yes, it is true that one does not come to the seminary just to have fun; but nevertheless, hours of fun and happiness in great abundance are still there. And what, we may well ask ourselves, brings more enjoyment than being happy in a way of life to which Christ Himself has called us.

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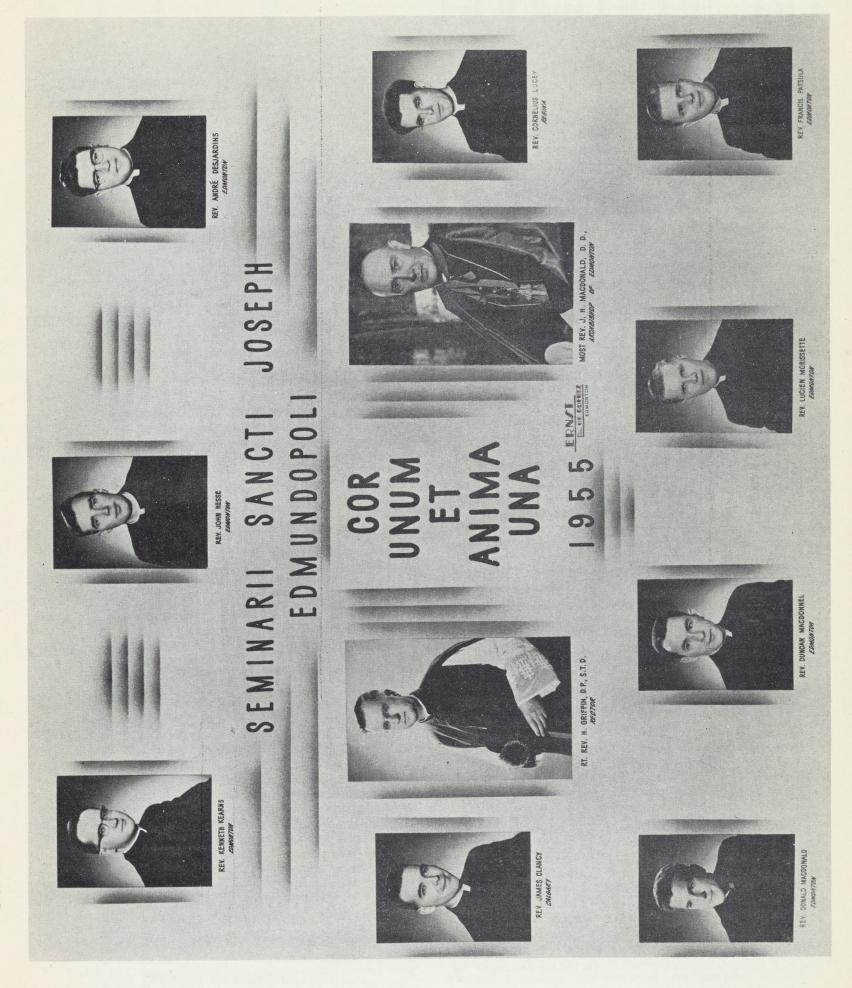
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REV. ANDRE DESJARDINS, Morinville, Alberta

Father Desjardins was born at Morinville, Alberta, on November 27th, 1927. His parents moved to Legal, Alberta, shortly after his birth and there Father received his primary education. He entered the Jesuit College in Edmonton in 1942 but in 1944 the Jesuit College was transferred to St. Boniface, Manitoba, so Father Desjardins went to St. Boniface to continue his studies there. He completed the Classical course at the Iesuit College in 1951 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba. In the fall of the same year Father Desjardins entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton for his Theology course, having received his Philosophy at St. Boniface. At the Seminary Father was French instructor for some years and a reliable member of the Seminary Choir. Father Designdins will be ordained by Bishop Routhier at the Immaculate Conception Church in Edmonton on June 5th, and will celebrate his first Mass on the following Sunday at The Immaculate Conception Church,

REV. JOHN HESSE, Busby, Alberta

Father Hesse was born at Busby, Alberta, on November 23rd, 1931. He received his primary education at St. Leon and beginning his secondary education at St. Andrew's School in Edmonton, completed his high school course at St. Joseph's High School in Edmonton. In 1949 Father Hesse entered St. Joseph's Seminary where he took the complete course of two years Philosophy and four years Theology. Father served as manager of the Seminary Bookstore for three years and was a member of the Rural Life Club for some time. He played a hard game of hockey, as any of the Seminary goal-keepers will testify. Father Hesse will be ordained at St. Joseph's Cathedral in June and will celebrate his first Mass at St. Andrew's Church in Edmonton.

REV. JAMES CLANCY, Calgary, Alberta

Father Clancy, a native of Calgary, was born on February 22nd, 1932. He received his primary education at St. Anne's School and his high school education at St. Mary's Boys' High. In 1949 Father Clancy entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton where he received his training in Philosophy and Theology. During his studies at the Seminary Father Clancy was Editor of the Seminary paper, the Vox Ovium; librarian, and first tenor in the Seminary Choir. He was also Dean of his class and of the entire student body during his last year, acting as intermediary between the Seminary Faculty

and the students. Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Carroll on March 26th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary, Father Clancy said his first Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral on March 27th.

REV. CORNELIUS LUCEY, Killarney, Ireland

Born at Killarney, Ireland, where he received his elementary schooling, Father Lucey came to Canada in 1947. He attended St. Peter's College at Muenster, Saskatchewan, and completed his high school education there. Father Lucey entered St. Joseph's Seminary in 1949, taking both his Philosophy and Theology there. Father was Seminary Infirmarian for two years, a member of the C.C.S.M.C. (the Seminary Missionary Society) executive for one year, and Secretary of the C.A. group for one year. Father Lucey was well known for his poetic abilities as well as for his knowledge of European History, particularly the Protestant Reformation. Father Lucey was ordained by His Grace Archbishop M. C. O'Neill at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina on the Vigil of Pentecost, and sang his first Solemn High Mass at Broadview, Saskatchewan, on Pentecost Sunday.

REV. J. KENNETH KEARNS, Westmount, Quebec

Father Kearns was born twenty-six years ago in Canada's largest city and graduated from Catholic High School in Montreal in 1947. In September of the same year he began his Pre-Medical studies at St. F. X. University in Antigonish, N.S. After two years he decided that the care of souls was more demanding than the care of the body, so he changed to the Arts course and in 1951 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Father decided to study for the West as a result of a sermon given in the University Chapel by Archbishop MacDonald concerning the need for priests in Edmonton. In the Fall of 1951 Father entered St. Augustine's Seminary for his Theology. Being anxious to see his future vineyard, he came to Sunny Alberta where he completed the remaining three years of his Theology. Father's sideline is painting and his magic brush has touched up many a poster for Seminary activities. With his famous personality and possessing ready wit, his talents were especially appreciated in Dramatics. Father also served as President of the C.C.S.M.S. Society. Father Kearns will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Edmonton on May 15th in the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord in Westmount, Quebec, by Bishop L. P. Whelan, Auxiliary of Montreal. On May 22nd he will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass in the same church.

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diary

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Seminary very animated . . . invasion of seventy men (old and new) . . . Operation "Build-Up" begins for another year. . . . Usual large crop of easterners . . . where do westerners go?
- 9 Swapping stories . . . moving furniture gives way to stalking yard and moving spiritual cobwebs.
- Retreat continues . . . spiritual flab beginning to go . . . all this walking should do something for more obvious brand.
- 11 All is quiet on Western Front . . . incidentally things are pretty quiet here too.
- Retreat ends after Mass . . . everybody talking . . . lot to be said for silence. . . . Arms come out of moth balls into the linament as Old vanquished New in traditional style . . . skill or pity! Impromptu "get acquainted" in the evening uncovers a lot of dramatic ability.
- 13 Back to work . . . very few professors appear on scene . . . new men think Seminary pretty soft . . . tomorrow is another day.
- 14 First Thursday afternoon since return . . . everybody goes down town . . . we get an eyeful of what well dressed men wearing before attracted to black hat and tie of seminarian.
- 15 New men see first ordinations in seminary chapel . . . eight sub-deacons receive diaconate . . . rest of the day free to enjoy beautiful fall weather . . . everybody allows weeks getting shorter every year.
- 25 Only three more months until Christmas . . . Shop early and avoid the rush.

OCTOBER

- Air full of football in more ways than one . . . Monday morning quarter-backs much in evidence as time to cut American imports draws closer. . . . Only cut in local picture. . . . French conversations in the morning . . . Experts find it difficult . . . express feelings in foreign tongue.
- 6 Y.C.W. president Romeo Maione enlightens all present on problems of workers . . . Even "garbage patrol" seem to have new outlook on labor question.
- 9 Edmonton fifty years a city today . . . even Calgarians given half-day to celebrate the occasion.
- 10 First movie "Song of Bernadette" very appropriate both for month of Holy Rosary and Year of Our Lady. Besides that I rather enjoyed it.
- 11 Thanksgiving Day. Everybody happy about occasion except turkey.
- 13 Enter another man from land of wind-mills and tulips. Welcome, Mr. Smits!
- Mr. Smits spends day adjusting cuckoo clock from Greenwich to M.S.T. His neighbors learn number of cuckoos to an hour. Such fowl play!
- 15 No classes today . . . Everybody working on the annual "clean-up" program. A real opportunity to leave one's mark, especially on the storm windows.
- 21 Classes as usual . . . rumour of potato picking party in afternoon . . . rumour was right . . . you find 'em you can have 'em. Definition successful afternoon . . . to throw more than you scrape off your back. Lunch is very good . . . no question of labourer being worthy of his hire . . . he isn't!
- 27 Classes and other activities roll along smoothly . . . doesn't make for a varied diary.
- 28 Father McGrane shows up magically well this evening with suitcase full of tricks . . . "hand is quicker than the eye."

NOVEMBER

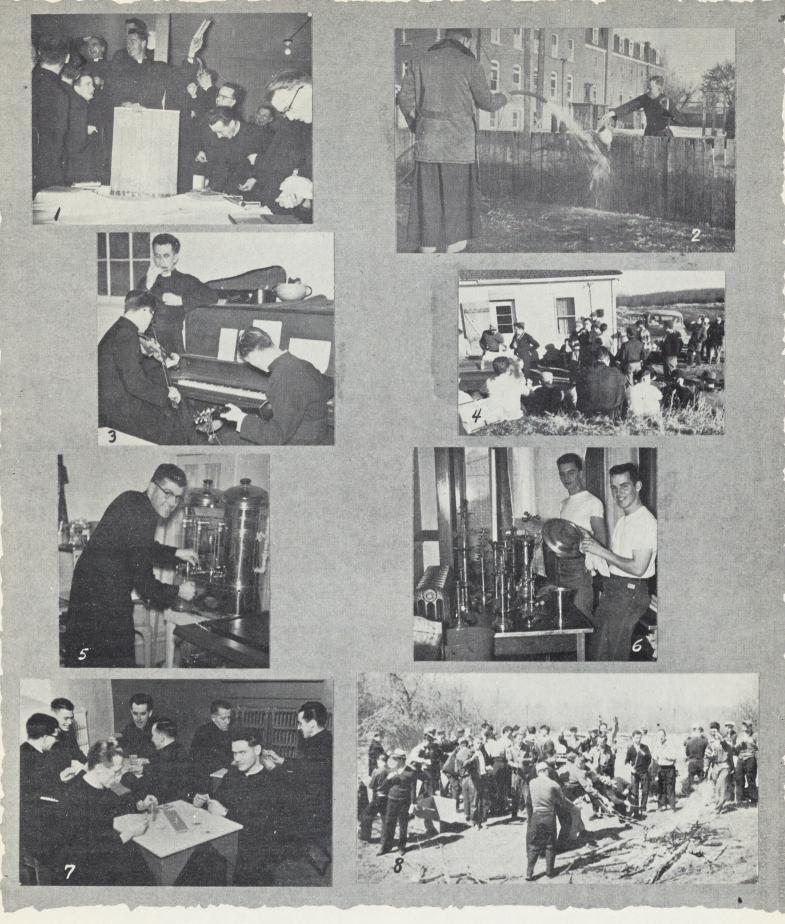
- 1 All Saints Day ushers in month of the Holy Souls. . . Calgary diehards already talking about next year as red and white football machine rusts out somewhat. . . .
- 2 I attend three Masses this morning . . . halo beginning to pinch until I realize this is regular for All Souls Day.
- 10 Another movie this evening . . . between breakdowns on sound track and film reel and very near one for projectionist we are in constant suspense . . . Gripping, eh what?
- 11 Remembrance Day . . . we honour dead of two wars . . . R.I.P.
- 17 New man heard to remark that he knows what a bean is at last.
- 22 Drama director puts on last minute spurt . . . preparations in progress for the coming concert in honour of St. Catherine, patroness of philosophers.
- 24 Classes in the morning . . . dress rehearsal . . . stage fright . . . last minute preparations for big night . . . everyone enjoys the two one-act plays. . . . Thanks for a job well done! Evening was rounded off with informal entertainment in rec. hall . . . sumptuous lunch provided from kitchen . . . thanks a million, Sisters!
- 25 Philosophers disillusioned today . . . yesterday theologians did their little jobs . . . kings for a day . . . today things back to normal . . . Let George do it.
- 29 Novena to B.V.M. begins today . . . excellent opportunity to thank her for all graces received during this Marian Year. . . . Everyone talking about big win for Eskimos.

DECEMBER

- Classes as usual. . . . Everyone goes out to greet victorious Edmonton Eskimos and Grey Cup. All Calgarians suitably garbed in black . . . just faint tinge of green too as "Alberta Eskimos" (to coin southern phrase) roll up Jasper.
- 7 13th Anniversary of Pearl Harbour . . . repeat performance in the evening as our movie came out in spits and starts.
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception . . . procession to various shrines erected inside and out . . . Benediction of Blessed Sacrament closed Marian Year. Afternoon spent visiting churches.
- 13 Hockey off to wonderful start . . . if crisp weather continues . . . should be a lot of fine action.
- 16 Generous number of seminarians turn up for drilling operations at Red Cross . . . easily distinguished by desire for window position during night prayers.
- 18 Rev. Mr. Kearns receives sub-diaconate this morning . . . no more ties for him (even black ones) as he draws one step closer to the Priesthood.
- 21 Minds are miles away . . . Christmas vacation draws near . . . All six classes turn out skit and carol . . . very enjoyable end products . . . where do we keep all that talent?
- 22 Seminary closes for holidays . . . I've got to go too. . . . Merry Christmas all! See you next year.

JANUARY

6 Tired after fifteen day rest . . . return to catch up on some sleep.



- 1. Sold to that man in the black cassock. . . .
- 2. Testing the aim of our sports manager. . . .
- 3. The Rec. Hall wranglers. . . .
- 4. Relaxing between throws at the potato farm. . . .
- 5. Mr. Field presides at the urn. . . .
- 6. I thought clean-up day was a holiday. . . .
- 7. Shuffling away the cold winter evenings. . . .
- 8. Oh for that life in the open. . . .

- 7 Did I say catch up on sleep . . . bell-ringer, keep that clanger quiet for just five minutes more . . . Oh, all right, I'm coming!
- 9 Classes run on . . . but sand running out of hour glass indicating approach of Nemesis . . . the exams!
- 20 Minor exams begin this morning . . . Everyone suddenly studious . . . almost think we were studying harder than usual.
- 23 Snow continues to come down . . . House league players even more consistent in going out.
- Whole day to study the year's work . . . something wrong here . . . poor balance of trade . . . anybody feel sickness coming on . . . that's a coincidence.
- 28 Senior men write dogma . . . some in English, some in Latin, some in French . . . me! I just wrote.

FEBRUARY

- 4 Last mid-term exam . . . everybody rehashing papers . . . the more I listen, the more I don't feel so good.
- 6 After close of Forty Hours Devotion, we have western movie in gorgeous technicolor (as the feller says). Calgarians overwrought with emotion.
- 8 Back to work. . . . The more I hear about exams, the more I think I wrote the wrong papers.
- 13 Annual C.C.S.M.S. Bingo to raise money for Missions. . . . Huge success. . . . I was luckier than usual . . . sat near a winner twice in the same evening.
- 14 Valentine's Day and my catechism class tell me all about the great Saint. Sometimes I wonder who teaches who in those classes.
- 15 Those brave enough to inquire got their marks. As far as I can make out everybody did rather well.
- 17 Seminarians lose hockey game to agile boys at St. John's College. . . . Age will tell in these things.
- 19 Sisters leave blue-print for use of can-opener. . . .ex-navy cook takes up slack. Results are in the eating . . . nobody is seasick . . . but the day isn't over.
- 20 We play host to the Antonian hockey club . . . nothing like a Sunday afternoon hockey game . . . especially when you win.
- 22 Grey Cup film with running commentary proves old suspicion
 . . . people who know least about football are at the game
 . . . the experts listen to the radio.
- Ash Wednesday brings us into another season of Lent . . . everybody has given up smoking.
- 24 Sub-zero weather continues and let's just say we've cut down on smoking.

MARCH

- 1 Month comes in like lion . . . hope lamb is on the way. Rev. Mr. Kearns begins retreat for one of last stops on road to priesthood.
- 2 Father Briere is back. . . . That tan makes me feel like one of those bleaching ads. . . . St. Basil's Society comes out of cold storage to warm up on the liturgical reform of Ukrainian rite.
- 4 First Friday and monthly retreat . . . Mr. Kearns no doubt glad to have company even for one day.
- 5 Bird? . . . Plane? . . . Superman? . . . Nope! Just Ed Frederick getting pictures lined up for Vox Ovium. So far his results are strictly in the negative.
- 7 Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of theologians. In honor of this great event we have our class picture taken.

- 9 Warm weather continues . . . Mr. Dylke opens drain in yard. . . . Can Spring be far behind?
- 11 Lamb mentioned earlier has sprouted fangs . . . presently terrorizing the country. Bring back the lion!
- 13 Budding M.C., Mr. Kraemer, struts his stuff while Messrs. Raab and Dylke grinningly recall their own mistakes in previous years.
- 15 Mr. Cormack sets our C.A. Study-Day rolling with clear picture of Catholic School System in Alberta.
- 16 It must have been that McManus alarm clock that did it, but after talks by Father Kinderwater, Father Oswald, myself and a wide awake panel discussion . . . I suddenly realized we were treating of education. To think I once thought education was just a punishment for getting caught playing hookey.
- 17 Montreal Forum goes wild in honor of St. Patrick checked paper for Irish names. . . . no Irishmen in riot. What a pity that had to miss a fight like that.
- 18 Rev. Mr. Clancy leaves keys of the castle with new dean, Rev. Mr. Desjardin, before pulling out for ordination in Calgary.
- 19 Today is the Feast of St. Joseph. . . . Somebody beating on my door . . . 'tis the Editor of the Vox! . . . I have to sign thirty . . . he needs this Diary for some book. . . . Nothing is sacred anymore.

A HIERARCHY NECESSARY TO THE CHURCH

The Church is a society and requires therefore an authority and a hierarchy of its own. All of the members of the Mystical Body partake of the same benefits and tend toward the same end; nevertheless not all enjoy the same part and not all can perform the same acts. The Divine Redeemer has, in fact, established His Kingdom upon the foundation of Holy Orders, which is a reflection of the order of the celestial hierarchy.

Only to the Apostles and to those who have received from them or their successors the imposition of hands has that priestly power been conferred in virtue of which they represent the person of Jesus Christ before the people entrusted to them and represent the person of the people themselves before God. This priesthood has not been transmitted by heredity or through the descent from the flesh. It is not something that rises out of the Christian community or that is delegated by the people.

Previous to representing the people before God, the minister of sacred things is the legate of the Divine Redeemer; and because Jesus Christ is the Head of that body of which Christians are members, He represents God before the people committed to Him. The power conferred upon Him then has nothing human in its nature; it is entirely supernatural and comes from God. "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." . . . "He who hears you, hears Me." . . . "Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature, he who believes and is baptized shall be saved."

Mediator Dei, Pope Pius XII.

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REV. DONALD G. MacDONALD,

Heatherton, Nova Scotia

It was in Heatherton, N.S. on the 18th of September, 1929, that Father MacDonald made his debut on the stage of life. It was there too that he obtained his Elementary and High School education. Then in the fall of 1947 he enrolled at St. F. X. University in Antigonish, N.S. and there began his Arts Course. In 1949 we see him wending his way Westward to enter St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, where he began his studies for the Priesthood. Father "Mac's" (Western name) days were characterized by his activity in community life. He edited the Vox Ovium for a year. A talented actor, he participated in many plays and also held the position of Dramatic's Director. His athletic ability can also be shown—"A" league hockey star; in fastball a great pitcher and a "Babe Ruth" with the bat, and on cold days a cribbage star. Father Mac-Donald will be ordained by Bishop John R. MacDonald, on June 4th, in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Antigonish, N.S. for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Immaculate Conception Church, Heatherton, N.S. will be the scene of his first Solemn High Mass on Sunday, June 5th.

REV. DUNCAN J. MacDONNELL, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Born on December 9th, 1924 in New Glasgow, N.S., Father received his Elementary and High School education at St. John's Academy-worked several years including teaching a year—attended St. F. X. University in Antigonish, N.S. for two years—served in the army. When the curtain rang down on World War II, Father received his discharge and in 1947 left the Maritimes for the West, but stopped off for a couple of years in Central Canada. In January 1949 he made his initial appearance in our fair city of Edmonton, and in September he entered St. Joseph's Seminary to begin his studies of Philosophy and Theology. At the Seminary he was an energetic leader; this was exemplified by his participation in all seminary activities having been President of the C.A. and Rural Life Clubs in his time. His athletic prowess has been demonstrated outstandingly in both hockey and softball. Father Mac-Donnell will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Edmonton on June 4th by Bishop John R. MacDonald in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Antigonish, N.S. He will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass the following day in St. John the Baptist Church in New Glasgow, N.S.

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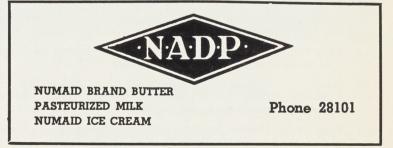
Wilkin Bldg. 10076 Jasper Ave. REV. LUCIEN MORRISSETTE, Morinville, Alberta

Born in Morinville some twenty-four years ago, Father Morrissette attended school there up to grade seven. The following two years were spent at St. John's College in Edmonton, but he returned to his home town to complete his High School education, where his influence was already beginning to be felt as editor of the High School Paper. Under priestly guidance the young man entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton in 1949, with his sights set on the highest of goals—the Priesthood.

Father's capabilities were felt in many fields while at the Seminary having competently handled the following positions—French teacher—book store clerk—President of St. Basil's Society—served sacristan for a term—and was in charge of the Seminary Hospitalization. Father's high standards of efficiency, dependability and friendliness all fit in with his ambition as an Altar Christus, and will blend well together to insure a happy and fruitful life for him in the salvation of souls. Father Morrissette will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Edmonton this spring and will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass in Saint Jean Baptiste Church in Morinville, Alberta.

REV. FRANCIS P. PATSULA, Edmonton, Alberta

Back in 1931, July 28th to be exact, Father Patsula was born in Regina, Saskatchewan. Father's education was more on the broad side having attended Holy Rosary School in Regina, St. Agnus School in Moose Jaw, Sacred Heart School and St. Joseph's High School in Edmonton. Upon graduation from high school in 1949 he entered St. Joseph's Seminary to begin his studies for the priesthood. While serving as an altar boy back in grade 4, Father first entertained the thought of becoming a priest. Giving due credit to God for his vocation, he attributes in no small way the examples of home life—priests he knew and teachers he had who by their high ideals of Christian life have aided immensely in nourishing his vocation to the sublime goal of the Priesthood. Highly active in Seminary life, he has held many responsible positions, including President of the Catechetical Group and Seminary M.C. He was an active enthusiast in all sports having gone by leaps and bounds from "C" league to "A" in hockey. Father Patsula will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Edmonton this spring, and will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church in Edmonton, Alberta.





les filles de Jesu to the sisters

REV. CORNELIUS LUCEY

Thank the faithful Sisterhood,
May God's love surround them,
Like Him Who went about doing good
They spread His peace around them.
Unseen the hour;
Unknown the power;
The Faith revived each morning;
The merit won
When day is done
Their saintly lives adorning,
And then the pleasant thought remains
To fill the hour of leisure,
The bond of rigid duty gains
An everlasting treasure.

How great the call! how far above
The small designs of others!
Self-sacrifice the price of love,
In Him Whom all are brothers.
The joy of prayer;
The sigh of care;
The daily round unending;
With heart and mind
And will resigned,
And grace to us descending,
For heroes brave the little trial,
Or dreaded cross appearing,
And meet the challenge with a smile,
In patience persevering.

Nor count the cost; nor feel the pain;
Nor seek to be rewarded,
But satisfied if others gain,
And they are disregarded,
For earthly praise
Bedims the gaze
That's fixed on heaven only,
And passing things
Have restless wings
Which leave the searcher lonely,
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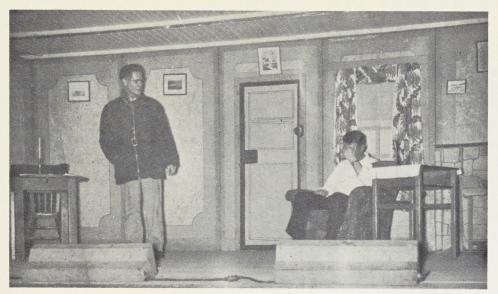
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If some can sing better than others, they are sought after and trained by the student in charge of the choir, who is usually asked to provide some songs to fill in between acts of a play.

A person taking part in a play can learn many useful things, besides speaking in public with self-confidence. Plays help us to speak more distinctly, to pronounce our words well, and to make ourselves heard. Learning lines of a play also helps to train our memory,

and we all know what an asset a good memory is. Taking instructions from the director of a play teaches a person to get along with others, and helps to train him in obedience and humility. The student who directs the play can also benefit greatly by this experience, especially by acquiring patience.

Plays are rehearsed during recreation, so no one can say that dramatics takes up the time that should be put on studying. During the fall and spring, there is usually too much snow or mud for sports, so rehearsals provide an interesting pastime. A person taking part in a play has the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed to the entertainment of the other fellows and the professors. At the same time, he has had a great deal of enjoyment out of it himself, and has received some excellent training which will help to prepare him better for the work which he hopes to do later, in the Holy Priesthood.

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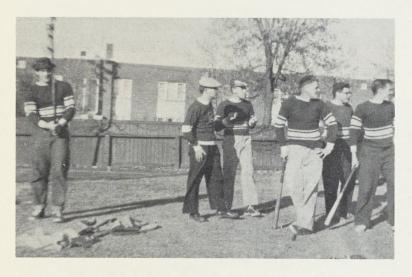
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"Who's playing to-night?" When the word has got around to all, the "Mail Call" takes over while two teams prepare to take the field or the ice depending on the particular season.

To-night a softball thriller is on tap for the sports enthusiasts. As we follow the crowd, we notice that a tennis tourney is in progress. Why, even the horse shoe pit is in full throttle this evening. But wait, I hear the umpire shouting "Play Ball!" Come on over to the backstop with me and I'll tell you a little more about our sports activities.

Touch rugby as usual is a very prominent event on our sports agenda. The old pigskin can be seen flying around the yard during any season and any weather. Every autumn more and more come out to work off that surplus energy. Everyone gets into the game, I guess this is what makes it so popular. Canadian football, although not played here, has much appeal to the experts who seem to know more than the coach when it comes to the fine points. A few desserts were even lost during the past season as betting was limited to Edmontonians and Calgarians. True hibernation was resorted to by a few loyal supporters of the Stampeders but we were all proud of the Eskimos in their Grey Cup win.

To give second or third place to an account of our hockey wars would be to underplay the big spectator drawing card and to omit it would be to leave out a vital part of our life. This sport gives us an opportunity to show that we fully live up to the title of "Western" Canadians. The competition in both house leagues during the past winter was tough and rugged. It has been mentioned by more than one that the best place to look for the real sign of a vocation is on the rink. Teamwork and not individual performances count, no matter what you do.

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This is a short story of our athletic program. From early fall when softball and tennis open our athletic year, through the football season to the month of December when the hockey season takes over we have players and fans who are loyal to the spirit of sport. As the curtain falls on our 1954-55 sport activities we would like to leave a reminder with you. The purpose

of our Vox Ovium is to foster vocations. All young men who read it should consider any inclination to this way of life as a call from God. The priesthood is considered by many high school graduates as too formal, stereotyped, and lacking in appeal. It is impossible after taking a good look into our sports program to remain in this state of mind. There is a place on our team for you, the greatest team on earth, the priesthood of Christ. Why not give it a try?

It's off the back board. . . .



Service. . . .





A rinkside interview. . . .

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hobby lobby

RAYMOND LOWING

If you should ever walk around behind St. Joseph's Seminary, you would see me. Yes, I'll admit I'm slightly dilapitated, and rather old looking, tucked in as I am between the Seminary building and the Sister's Convent, but the looks aren't what count in this case, it is what goes on inside me that matters most.

You see I am a building. I was originally intended to be a two-car garage, but, the way things turned out, housing cars is my secondary occupation.

At present my primary end, (to borrow a term from the Philosophers), is to shelter a multitude of minor activities called Hobbies. Some are extensive, others not; some for a purpose, others just to spend time. From about 4:00 to 5:30 every afternoon, I become a veritable beehive of activity. Let me tell you a little of what goes on.

In the woodworking line, with power saw and planer, several handsaws and hammers, aided by many supplementary tools and plenty of plywood, (all thicknesses), many projects find their way into existence. Filing cabinets seem to be the main course, with a liberal production of miscellaneous, à la carte.

Another standby is bookbinding. Many important books come into the Seminary with only paper covers, so to make them more substantial, and better looking, hard covers are put on. This process requires a straight eye, cardboard, leatherette, lots of "latex" (a type of liquid rubber), and a clamp. Nothing to it once you catch on.

An inspiring occupation taken up by several is the making of statues. Latex moulds enforced by forms, turn out very beautiful statues. Ornaments and knickknacks of all descriptions come into existence through this simple and economical process.

Now a word about something special. A regular comer to my long workbench is a real, honest-to-goodness luthier. The dictionary says that a luthier is "one who makes lutes," but this isn't quite right. In our case, it designates one who makes violins, and "the real McCoy" too, not just playthings. Believe me, it takes many hours of careful carving on special wood, but the result is well worth it. The third "Kubashavarius" in two years is now nearing completion, and it promises to be the best yet.

No hobby shop would be complete, (and I am no exception), without at least some representation of leathercraft and photography. It is indeed surprising what little it takes to turn out rosary cases, missal covers, wallets, etc., from leather. With regard to photography, it is interesting to note that most of the pictures in this very yearbook were taken, developed, and printed, here at the Seminary, by Seminarians. Although the darkroom isn't located within my very walls, I don't think it would be fair not to mention it.

You may wonder how and why so many Seminarians get interested in these pastimes. In the majority of cases a person will be acting in the capacity of an "over-the-shoulder" critic and commentator, when suddenly he becomes "bitten by the bug," and the first thing you know, he is busily engaged himself. It doesn't matter which activity it may be, one is just as contagious as another.

If you are ever in the neighborhood, drop in and watch for a while; who knows, maybe you can learn something, or better still, maybe someone can learn something from you.

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the alumni take over

L. J. BONNER

Most Reverend and Reverend Fathers:

This is the section of the VOX devoted exclusively to you, the distinguished Alumni. We hope, therefore, that you will enjoy reading about the whereabouts and work of your former classmates. As you read on, no doubt many happy memories of those good old days in St. Joseph's Seminary will be aroused—in any case this is the fond hope of the VOX as it once again presents this section for you.

Before all else, permit us to express our sincere thanks to all who have written to us and thus helped to make this column and the book itself possible.

This is the second time in the history of this column that we are able to extend 25th anniversary greetings to members of the Alumni. Therefore we know that you join with us in wishing our heartiest best wishes to the jubilarians of the class of 1928-1929. To each of you Fathers, "Ad multos annos."

No matter how much thought and labor has been put into the launching of a vocational issue of the VOX, there is always a period of anxious waiting to learn how these efforts have been received. In the case of our first vocational issue, that period, we are happy to say, was very short. As soon as the plans for our second vocational issue reached the Alumni, comments began to come in from all parts of the country.

The response was both gratifying and challenging—gratifying in the generous compliments expressed and challenging in the obligation we had taken upon ourselves to better our efforts of the previous year.

The expressions that appear on these pages are typical of many others received. To all who wrote, again our sincere thanks.

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Two big events . . . Visit of His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan to La Salle . . . It was a short and unofficial visit, but how pleasant to me and my people . . . July 8th, celebrated my Silver Jubilee . . . His Grace Archbishop Badoux, my classmate, confrere, and Archbishop presided at the throne and preached the jubilee sermon . . . Enclosed is donation for VOX.

Rev. G. Couture '29 La Salle, Manitoba

Please bill me for thirty copies of '55 VOX OVIUM.

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My recent Pilgrimage to Rome and Marian Shrines in Europe last summer with the Calgary group. Lourdes and Fatima certainly an inspiration to do penance . . . May God bless your work.

Rev. C. A. Lambertus, P.P. Minton, Saskatchewan

Shall be pleased to receive copies of the VOX this year since it will no doubt be a most interesting issue . . . Still Pastor of St. Paul's Parish on Lulu Island . . . Asking for a kind remembrance in your prayers.

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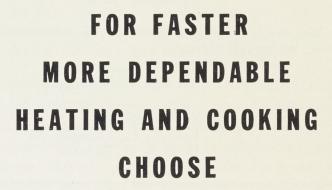
Rev. T. Kroetch '53 Provost, Alberta

In conformity with recent letter of His Grace the Archbishop, have already made plans for fostering vocations . . . talks to school pupils . . . sermons to parents by outside speakers. . . Looking forward to ordination of our Deacon, Guy Carriere in June . . . be glad to order twenty-four copies of VOX for distribution to students . . . God bless you in your work . . . Enclosed humble offering for expenses. . . .

Rev. A. Langevin P.P. '43 Legal, Alberta

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Rev. W. J. Krewski '47 Cowley, Alberta



NATURAL GAS



Enclosing donation for VOX. Still in Chilliwack, heart of the famous Fraser Valley. Finishing large addition to parish school, building central heating plant, digging footings for a new church and planning a new rectory. All to be completed by next winter . . . of course on borrowed money. Biggest news, my projected trip to Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro next July, which I am to accompany as chaplain . . . will think of you.

Rev. G. MacKinnon '42 St. Mary's Church Chilliwack, B.C.

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On Christmas Eve we had the great joy of offering Mass for the first time in the new church. It is not finished but we have made a good start. . . . What has become of our alumni club which was organized a few years ago? . . . Think it would be good for us all to return on an official visit to our dear Alma Mater at least once a year. . . . Wonder how the Alumni feels about this?

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Rev. George Tardif, P.P. '41

Thanks for your invitation to share in the VOX.... Object appropriate any time in the Wild West.... Plenty of snow . . . Exercises I went through myself in shovelling out a previous edition serves me well at the moment . . . Just finished cleaning the sidewalk for about the eleventh time this week. . . . Hope it's a success.

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the Priest in the Parish

By Rev. Father A. Gillis

Pastor of St. John's Parish, Edmonton

In the words of Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago: "the parish is the ultimate normal territorial unit in the Chuch." And he goes on to say that "the purpose of the parish is the purpose of the Church, that is the salvation of souls, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. In the parish the Pope, the voice of the living Church, teaches, ministers and governs. In the parish, the bishop of the diocese exercises his ministry and authority. Within clearly defined limits, the pastor or the shepherd of the flock committed to his care teaches, ministers and governs." Now, it must be remembered that, with the exception of a very small number, all the parishes in the universal Church are under the direction of diocesan or secular priests. It would seem, therefore, that the sanctity of the whole Church and the salvation of souls devolves more directly on the diocesan priests than on any other group in the militant branch of the Mystical Body of Christ. This is, by no means, cause for personal pride on the part of the parish priest. On the contrary, it should make us, who find ourselves filling such an office, tremble with the fear of God and more fully appreciate our dependence on Him.

Christ, in His infinite wisdom, willed that the dispensing of the graces of salvation be a work of cooperation so that certain chosen men might labor with Him in bringing the fruits of the cross to individual souls. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. We must not mistake the term "Mystical" as meaning fanciful, imaginative, symbolical or unreal. No, we, the members of the Church, are actually members of Christ's Body and, because of this fact, Christ lives in us and we in Him. Hence, as the parish is the Church in microosm, it is to its own members what the Church is to mankind. It is in the words of Father Conger O.P., "a realization in miniature of the mystery of the Church, which consists in Her Union with Christ as His Spouse and as His Body. The parish is in its own order a realization of this double union: it is the Spouse of Christ and the local replica of His Mystical Body."

In the human body some members play a more important role than others in dispensing life throughout the body. These are frequently referred to as vital organs. So too, in the Mystical Body of Christ, some members, by the mysteries of grace and the operation of the Holy Spirit, are ordained to dispense life to the other members of this Body as well as activate themselves by it. These principal members, or vital organs, so to speak, in the Mystical Body of Christ are His priests.

In the parish, therefore, the parish priest and the other priests attached to it are the vital organs through which, figuratively speaking, the redeeming blood of Christ flows to all the members. They are "the dispensers of the mysteries of God." The seminary is the incubator in which these members are developed and prepared for the functions that they will later play in the Mystical Body. Above all else, it seems to me, the seminary is the training ground for priests who in the parishes will strive to keep the many members united in the Head of the Mystical Body and to incorporate new members into this union.

If this preceding statement is accepted, it follows that the Pastoral Theology course has more importance than is usually given to it. A thorough training in a complete set of practical rules to be followed in coping with the various duties of parish life is not only desirable but necessary for the young priest. Many of us spent a great part of the first ten years of our priesthood groping about for some sort of technique that would help us in the ministry. "The children of his world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." In the commercial world executives and directors of companies draw up detailed sets of rules for their salesmen and public-relations men to arouse general interest in their products and to use in promoting the welfare of the firm. The simplest reasoning, beyond which I make no claim, demands that more thought and time be set aside in the seminary curriculum to the consideration of the work of the priest in the parish.



The aim of the Church in establishing ecclesiastical Seminaries is essentially the education and training to a truly supernatural and Christ-like life of those who aspire to the Holy Priesthood.

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